Approved For Release 2004/11/01: CIA-RDP88-01350R000200250005-2 Awiel

WASHINGTON POST

SUCY, 01-2 Penkorsky
Papers

6 JUNE 1976

াসুল্ল "Whatever restrictive legis-] all lation may be passed, and I think there will be some, I believe that government secrecy will never be the same again.

"If anything has been learned from Watergate and from the investigations of the CIA, it is the same lesson that the Germans were supposed to have learned from Nuremberg. It is that blind obedience does not provide an exemption from conscience. And that the constitutional process, in which government officials are supposed to trust, can be perverted by officials and even very high officials. And no civil servant can any longer hide behind the statement that he simply accepted higher authority....

"... I have to confess to you, as one of those journalists who is sort of

part of the Eastern journalistic elite, that I have long been skeptical about large numbers of Americans at the grass roots. I was among those who thought that they were too easily manipulated and that there was not very much real wisdom out there. Well, it's my impression now that, whatever may be the conventional wisdom in Washington about the American people, many Americans are not ready to see the secrecy lid clamped on again. At least, not until they have more confidence about what happens underneath that lid."

-- CBS news commentator Daniel Schorr in a speech at American University, April 17, 1976.

O LLOYD SHEARER 1976

WALTER Scott's

O. "The Penkovsky Papers," published in this country by Doubleday-was the book actually written by the executed Soviet spy Oleg Penkovsky?-T. R., Washington, D. C.

A. Agents of our Central Intelligence Agency wrote it in 1965. Doubleday of course didn't know it was being used.